Object: Anthropomorphic carved figure as basket decoration

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Description

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This ornamental figure was used to decorate a headhunter basket. The three anthropomorphic heads indicate that the basket belongs to a successful headhunter. The Sangloi and Joboka are now called Wancho, Nocte or Konyak Naga in present-day Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

Ehlers either procured the object from Samuel E. Peal or the objects collected by Peal were added to the Ehlers collection.

Historic index card states: "Ornaments of Dzhoboka and Sangloi men".

Basic data

Material/Technique: Painted wood; Orchid stem; plant fiber;

cane, goat hair

Measurements: Object dimensions: 25.5 x 19.5 x 2.5 cm

Events

Created When 1851-1900

Who Naga (Joboka, Sangloi)

Where India

Collected When 1892-1894

Who Otto Ehrenfried Ehlers (1855-1895)

Where Arunachal Pradesh

Collected When After 1868

Who Peal, S.E.

Where Arunachal Pradesh

Keywords

- Carving
- Headhunting
- Verzierung